

**House Resolution**

**No. 21**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Yamada and John A. Pérez**

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House Resolution No. 21—Relative to September 11, 2001.

1 WHEREAS, At 8:46 a.m. on September 11th of this year, the  
2 nation will commemorate the 10th anniversary of America's  
3 darkest day and in doing so, will honor the heroes and the casualties  
4 of the most shocking, barbaric, and catastrophic act of inhumanity  
5 in modern history; and

6 WHEREAS, This 10th anniversary gathering will serve to recall  
7 the uniting of the world's cultures and nationalities in  
8 condemnation of terrorism, and the great outpouring of charity  
9 and compassion that followed in the aftermath of the attacks on  
10 the World Trade Center, demonstrating once again, the victory of  
11 the human spirit over depravity, savagery, and cowardice; and

12 WHEREAS, Ten years ago, on September 11, 2001, terrorists  
13 hijacked four separate flights, carrying 266 people, all bound for  
14 California; and

15 WHEREAS, All four flights crashed with no survivors, and  
16 almost 3,000 men, women, and children who were citizens of more  
17 than 70 countries were killed at the World Trade Center, the  
18 Pentagon, and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania; and

19 WHEREAS, These acts of terrorism caused the destruction of  
20 the two prominent World Trade Center towers, nearby buildings,  
21 a portion of the Pentagon building, and four airline jets, and the  
22 loss of innocent American lives and countless injuries to many  
23 others; and

1 WHEREAS, Californians join the American public in pouring  
2 out their hearts in grief and sympathy for the family and friends  
3 of those who perished or suffered injuries in the attacks; and

4 WHEREAS, The Assembly salutes and remembers the hundreds  
5 of heroic men and women of the police and fire departments, the  
6 paramedics, and the medical personnel who put their personal  
7 safety at risk and lost their lives or were seriously injured at the  
8 disaster sites in their courageous efforts to protect and serve their  
9 fellow citizens; and

10 WHEREAS, The Assembly recognizes the support and acts of  
11 service performed by Californians, including sending letters,  
12 signing banners, donating blood, contributing money, offering  
13 food, providing supplies, and grieving as a diverse, yet united,  
14 nation; and

15 WHEREAS, We are eternally grateful to the valiant men and  
16 women of our Armed Forces, those who have fallen, those who  
17 have been wounded, and those who continue to combat terrorism  
18 in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the world; and

19 WHEREAS, It is fitting at this point in history for all Americans  
20 to remind themselves that the United States is a nation of healing,  
21 hope, and resilience; now, therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
23 Assembly acknowledges the 10th Anniversary of the terrorist  
24 attacks of September 11, 2001; and be it further

25 *Resolved*, That the Assembly continues to recognize September  
26 11 of each year as a Day of Remembrance and Service, and calls  
27 upon all Californians to participate in appropriate observances to  
28 remember those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks of  
29 September 11, 2001, as a symbol of our love for them, their  
30 families, and our own communities, cities, and nation; and be it  
31 further

32 *Resolved*, That the Assembly encourages freedom-loving  
33 Californians to honor the memory of those who died by observing  
34 September 11 with an act of service for fellow Californians,  
35 whether that act is donating blood, visiting a nursing or veterans'  
36 home, volunteering at a children's hospital, mentoring  
37 neighborhood students, donating clothes to a homeless shelter, or  
38 some other act of giving; and be it further

39 *Resolved*, That the Assembly acknowledges that California, firm  
40 in purpose and direct in its response, will thereby help its neighbors

- 1 in time of need, work together for peace, and safeguard our legacy
- 2 of freedom; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 4 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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